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TO: Purchase of Services Contracted Private Providers

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SUBJECT: Subcontracting with Nurse Consultant Firms for Nursing Services

Under Section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid Waivers must provide assurances to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that the state has necessary safeguards to protect the health and welfare of participants receiving services. This includes the oversight of the medical care of the individuals funded by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Over the past few years, there has been a trend by the private sector to subcontract nursing services to Nurse Consulting firms. DDS has worked with a number of the consulting firms and private providers to develop a set of qualifications that will be required to be met order to assure the health and safety of the individuals being supported. A copy of the qualifications can be accessed at [Qualifications-for-Agencies-to-Subcontract-for-Nursing-Services](#).

Effective as of January 1, 2022, a private DDS qualified provider may only subcontract with nursing consulting firms that have been qualified by DDS. DDS will maintain a list on our website of all qualified nursing consulting firms. The Department has established an expedited process for the nurse consulting firms to become qualified before that date. Please inform your subcontractor to contact Debra Lynch at Debra.Lynch@ct.gov as soon as possible to start the application process.

As a reminder, the subcontracting of nursing services shall not be considered a modification, transfer or relinquishment of a private provider's obligation and duty to provide for the overall health and safety of the participants.